AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Promoter~~ A promoter region having specificity for ~~the~~ plant epidermis, comprising a first sequence originating from the promoter of the gene GSTA1 and a second sequence originating from the intron of the gene WIR1a.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Promoter~~ The promoter region according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the first sequence is SEQ ID ~~No~~NO. 1 and the second sequence is SEQ ID No. 2.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Promoter~~ The promoter region according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that it is~~wherein said promoter region is selected from the group consisting of

a) promoter regions comprising the nucleic acid sequence ~~given in~~of SEQ ID ~~No~~NO. 3,

b) promoter regions comprising a functional part of the nucleic acid sequence ~~given in~~of SEQ ID ~~No~~NO. 3, and

c) promoter regions having a sequence~~,~~ which hybridizes under stringent conditions with the nucleic acid sequence ~~given in~~of SEQ ID ~~No~~NO. 3.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Chimeric~~ A chimeric gene, ~~characterized in that it contains a~~comprising the promoter region according to ~~any of the claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 3~~ in operative linkage with a coding sequence.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Chimeric~~ The chimeric gene according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that its~~wherein expression of the chimeric gene results in an increased yield of the protein encoded by the coding sequence in ~~the~~ plant epidermis.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Cimeric~~ The chimeric gene according to claim 4 ~~or 5~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the coding ~~region~~ sequence originates from a resistance gene.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Chimeric~~ The chimeric gene ~~or recombinant nucleic acid molecule~~ according to claim 5 ~~or 6~~,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein the coding sequence encodes a peroxidase or an oxalate oxidase.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Chimeric~~ The chimeric gene according to claim 4,

~~characterized in that its~~ wherein expression of the chimeric gene suppresses ~~the~~ expression of ~~the~~ a corresponding endogenous gene in ~~the~~ plant epidermis.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Chimeric~~ The chimeric gene according to claim 8,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein the coding sequence is in antisense orientation.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Chimeric~~ The chimeric gene according to claim 8,

~~characterized in that the~~ wherein suppression of ~~the~~ expression of the endogenous gene results from RNA-interference.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Chimeric~~ The chimeric gene according to ~~any of the claims~~ claim 8 ~~to 10~~,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein the endogenous gene whose expression is suppressed is the Mlo-gene.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Recombinant~~ A recombinant nucleic acid molecule, comprising a promoter region according to ~~any of the claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 3 or a chimeric gene according to any of the claims 4 to 11~~.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~Recombinant~~ The recombinant nucleic acid molecule according to claim 12, further comprising transcription termination sequences.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ A method for generating transgenic plants with epidermis specific expression of a transgene, comprising the steps:

a) generating a recombinant nucleic acid molecule according to claim 12 ~~or 13~~;;

b) transferring the recombinant nucleic acid molecule from a) to plant cells; and

c) regenerating entirely transformed plants and, if desired, propagating the plants.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~Transgenic plants, containing~~A transgenic plant comprising a recombinant nucleic acid molecule according to claim 12~~ or 13 or generated according to a method according to claim 14, as well as transgenic parts of said plants and their transgenic propagation material, like protoplasts, plant cells, calli, seeds, tubers or cuttings, as well as the transgenic offspring of said plant~~.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~Transgenic plants~~The transgenic plant according to claim 15, wherein said ~~plants are~~plant is monocotyledonous plants.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~Transgenic plants~~The transgenic plant according to claim 16, wherein said ~~plants are~~plant is poaceae.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~Transgenic plants~~The transgenic plant according to claim 17, wherein said ~~plants are~~plant is wheat or barley.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ A method for increasing the pathogen resistance in transgenic plants,
comprising the steps:

a) generating a recombinant nucleic acid molecule according to claim 12~~ or 13~~,

b) transferring the recombinant nucleic acid molecule from a) to a plant ~~cells~~ cell and

c) regenerating an entirely transformed ~~plants~~plant and, if desired, propagating said plant~~plants~~.

22. (Currently Amended) ~~Transgenic plants~~A transgenic plant with increased pathogen resistance, containing a recombinant nucleic acid molecule according to ~~one of the claims~~claim 12 ~~to 13 or generated according to a method according to claim 21, as well as transgenic parts of said plants and their transgenic propagation material, like protoplasts, plant cells, calli, seeds, tubers or cuttings, as well as the transgenic offspring of said plant~~.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~Transgenic plants~~The transgenic plant according to claim 22, wherein said ~~plants are~~plant is a monocotyledonous plant~~plants~~.

24. (Currently Amended) The transgenic plant~~Transgenic plants~~ according to claim 23, wherein said ~~plants are~~plant is poaceae.

25. (Currently Amended) The transgenic plant~~Transgenic plants~~ according to claim 24, wherein said ~~plants are~~plant is wheat or barley.

26. (Currently Amended) The transgenic plant~~Transgenic plants~~ according to ~~any of the claims~~claim 22 ~~to 25~~,
~~characterized in~~ ~~that they exhibit~~ wherein the plant exhibits an increased resistance against mildew.

27. (New) A transgenic part of a transgenic plant comprising a recombinant nucleic acid molecule according to claim 12 and transgenic propagation material.

28. (New) The transgenic part of claim 27, wherein the transgenic part is selected from the group consisting of protoplasts, plant cells, calli, seeds, tubers and cuttings.

29. (New) A transgenic offspring of a transgenic plant comprising a recombinant nucleic acid molecule according to claim 12.

30. (New) A transgenic part of a transgenic plant with increased pathogen resistance, generated according to the method of claim 21, and transgenic propagation material.

31. (New) The transgenic part of claim 30, wherein the transgenic part is selected from the group consisting of protoplasts, plant cells, calli, seeds, tubers and cuttings.

32. (New) A transgenic offspring of a transgenic plant with increased pathogen resistance, generated according to the method of claim 21.